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TOPSECTION THREE OF FIVE F46T/8621 MEEKLY DRV AIR DEFENSE MRAP-UPSECTION THREE CONTINUED ACTIVITY FROM THESE THREE AIRFIEELDS CONSISED OF HRAP-UPSECTION THREE CONTINUED ACTIVITY FROM THESE THREE AIRFIEELDS CONSISED OF PRACTICE INTERCEPT TRAINING, DEFENSIVE PATROLS AND NAVIGATIONAL TRAINING FLIGHTS BY VIETNAMESE PILOTS AS HELL AS PRACTICE AIR ATTACK TRAINING, PRACTICE INTERCEPT TRAINING AND DEFENSIVE PATROLS BY KORCOM PILOTS, OF BOTH CONTINGENTS FROM PHUC YEN. OF THE 56 SORTIES STAGING OUT OF KEP BETHEEN 15 AND 20 JANUARY, 31 MERE FLOWN AT HIGHT, OF WHICH A MINIMUMOF 16 WERE PRACTICE INFERCEPT TRAINING FLIGHTS. THE LAST NOTED PRACTICE INTERCEPT TRAINING FLIGHT STAGED FROM KEP OCCURRED ON 30 JUNE 1966. ALTHOUGH OPERATIONAL DATA RE-FLECTED U.S. STRIKE AIRCRAFT PERFORMING MISSIONS IN THE PHUC YEN/HANDI GIA LAM AREAS FROM 15 THROUGH 20 JANUARY. THERE HERE NO ATTEMPTED INTERCEPTS BY NVN MIGS. MIG-21 ASSOCIATED SIGNALS HERE REFLECTED ON 20 JANUARY IN CORRECTION TO MIG ACTIVITY STAGING OUT OF KEP AIRELELD. ON THE BASIS OF THIS INFORMATION, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT, IN ADDITION TO PERFORMING INTER-AIRFIELD ROUND-TRIP FLIGHTS BETWEEN PHUC YEN AND KEP, MIG-21'S ARE NOW REMAINING AT KEP AT LEAST LONG ENOUGH TO PERFORM TACTICAL MISSIONS OUT OF THAT AIRFIELD BEFORE RETURNING TO BETWEEN PHUC YEN AND KEP, MIG-21'S ARE NON REMAINING AT KEP AT LEAST LUNG ENOUGH TO PERFORM TACTICAL MISSIONS OUT OF THAT AIRFIELD BEFORE RETURNING TO PHUC YEN. IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE THAT THE MIG-21 COMPLI- MENT IN THE DRY WAS BEEN OR WILL BE DIVIDED BETWEEN PHUC YEN AND KEP. EIGHTEEN KORCOM PILOTS, TEN OF THE FIRST CONTINGENT AND EIGHT OF THE SECOND CONTINGENT, WERE ACTIVE ON 14,15, 17, AND 18 JANUARY, FLYING A TOTAL OF 29 SORTIES FROM PHUC YEN AS COMPARED TO THE 48 SORTIES FLOWN DURING THE PRECEDING MEEK. PILOTS OF THE FIRST CONTINGENT ENGAGEDIN PRACTICE INTERCEPT ATTACKS ON 14 JAN AND FLEW DEFENSIVE PATROLS ON 15 VAN. PILOTS OF THE SECOND CONTINGENT ENGAGED IN PRACTICE INTERCEPT ATTACKS ON 14 JAN AND FLEW DEFENSIVE PATROLS ON 15 JAN. PILOTS OF THE SECOND CONTINGENT ENGAGED IN PRACTICE INTERCEPT TRAINING ON 17 AND 18 JAN. THE ACTIVITY ON 17 JAN INCLUDED FOUR MIG-21'S, FLOWN BY VIET- NAMESE PILOTS, WHICH ACTED AS TARGETS FOR THE KORCOMS.THIS PRACTICE INTERCEPT TRAINING BY THE SECOND CONTINGENT OF KORCOM PILOTS INDICATES A MORE ADVANCED PHASE IN THEIR TRAINING SCHEDULE. HULCH FOR THE KORCOMS. THIS PRACTICE INTERCEPT TRAINING BY THE SECOND CONTINGENT OF KORCOM PILOTS INDICATES A MORE ADVANCED PHASE IN THEIR TRAINING SCHEDULE, HUICH DEGAN HITH AREA/AIRFIELD FAMILIAR—IZATION FLIGHTS ON 2 JAN, FOLLOHED BY HAVIGATIONAL TRAINING FLIGHTS. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THIS SECOND CONTINGENT HILL CONTINUE TO PRACTICE AIR ATTACK TRAINING AND DEFEN—SIVE PATROLS IN THE NEAR FUTURE. 2. AIRFIELD ACTIVITY. A. KEP: A TOTAL OF 56 SURTIES HERE FLOHN FROM THIS AIRFIELD WHICH IS A MARKED INCREASE OVER THE 24 FLOHN DURING THE PRECEDING PERIOD. THE NUMBER OF PREFLIGHTS CONTINUED TO INCREASE HITH 143 SCHEDULED FOR DEFENSIVE PATROLS, PRACTICE INTERCEPT TRAINING AND HAVIGATIONAL TRAINING FLIGHTS DURING BOTH DAY AND HIGHT HOURS. B. PHUC YEN: THE MAJORITY OF MIG SORTIES CONTINUETO BE STAGED FROM THIS AIRFIELD. THE III SORTIES FLOHNDURING THIS PERIOD IS A SLIGHT DECREASE FROM THE 134 FLOHN DURING THE PRECEDING PERIOD, HONEVER, FOR THE SEC—OND CONSECUTIVE HEEK, THIS DECREASE IS PRIMARILY ATTRI—BUTED TO THE REDUCTION IN KORCOM ACTIVITY HITH ONLY 29KORCOM SORTIES ATTRI- BUTED TO THE REDUCTION IN KORCOM ACTIVITY WITH UNLY 29KORCOM SORTIES

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FLOWN DURING THIS PERIOD, AS COMPARED TO THE 48 FLOWN DURING THE PREVIOUS PERIOD. ALL ACTIVITY CONSISTED OF PRACTICE INTERCEPT TRAINING AND HAVIGATIONAL TRAINING FLIGHTS, BY VIETNAMESE PILOTS DURING BOTH DAYAND HIGHT HOURS AND PRACTICE INTERCEPT TRAINING, PRACT—ICE AIR ATTACK AND DEFENSIVE PATROLS, BY KORCOM PILOTSDURING BOTH DAY AND NIGHT HOURS. C. HANDI GIA LAM: ALTHOUGH ACTIVITY FOR THIS AIR-FIELD REMAINED BELOH HORMAL, THE 28 SORTIES FLOWN DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD IS A MARKED INCREASE OVER THE FOUR FLOWN DURING THE PRECEDING PERIOD. ALL ACTIVITY HAS ROUTING NAVIGATIONAL TRAINING FLIGHTS, DURING BOTH DAYAND NIGHT HOURS. D. HAIPHONG KIEN AN: NO TACTICAL FIGHTER ACTIVITYHAS BEEN REFLECTED FROM THIS AIRFIELD SINCE 19 SEPTEMBER 1966. SECTION FOUR — SAM ACTIVITY DURING THE PERIOD 14 THROUGH 28 JANUARY. AT LEASTI19 SAMS HERE LAUNCHED BY THE DRY SAM COMPLEX. TEN, POSSIBLY 12 OF THESE LAUNCHES HERE REFLECTED BY DRY MULTICHANNED COMMUNICATIONS. THE LARGE INCREASE IN LAUNCHES, IN COMPARISON WITH THE PREVIOUS REPORTING PERIOD, IS ATTRIBUTED TO THE HIGH NUMBER OF U.S. STRIKE AIRCRAFT OVER THE DRY. 1. ON 17 JANUARY, MULTICHANNED COMMUNICATIONS REFLECTED SAM FIRINGS CORRELATING WITH THE LOSS OF THREE BLUE SPRINGS DRONES AND ONE REAC. 988 LIMBH

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